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**ANNEXES TO THE
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(ARTICLE 34 AMENDMENTS)**

**Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS

Please substitute the attached replacement sheets 1 and 2 of the claims containing Article 34 Amendments for sheets 31 and 32, respectively, of the claims in the enclosed copy of the as-filed PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the claims in the replacement sheets be examined during examination of the patent application. Claims 1-3 are currently pending.

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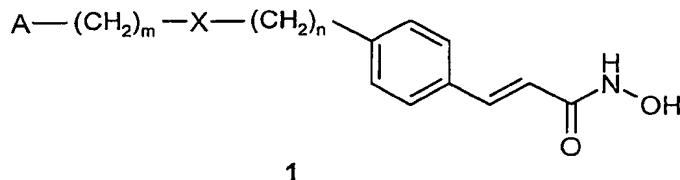
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ART 34 AMDT.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A compound represented by formula (1):

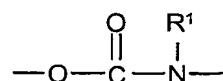
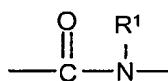


5 wherein A is an optionally substituted phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group which has 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbons, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbons, an aminoalkyl group having 1 to 4 carbons, an alkylamino group having 1 to 4 carbons, an acyl group 10 having 1 to 4 carbons, an acylamino group having 1 to 4 carbons, an alkylthio group having 1 to 4 carbons, a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 4 carbons, a perfluoroalkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbons, a carboxyl group, an alkoxy carbonyl group having 1 to 4 carbons, a phenyl group, an aromatic heterocyclic group and a heterocyclic group, said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted with an 15 alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbons, a benzyl group, or a pyridylmethyl group;

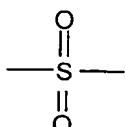
m is an integer of 0 to 4;

n is an integer of 1 to 4;

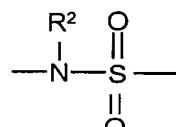
X is a moiety having a structure selected from those illustrated in formula (2)



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R¹ and R² are independently H or an optionally substituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbons; or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5 2. A compound of formula (1) according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

N-[4-(2-Hydroxycarbamoylvinyl)benzyl]-4-pyrrolidin-1-ylbenzamide
4-Dimethylamino-*N*-[4-(2-hydroxycarbamoylvinyl)benzyl]benzamide

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3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or diluent.

15 4. Use of a compound according to claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament having histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitory activity.

5. Use of a compound according to claim 4 as an inhibitor of cell proliferation.

6. Use of a compound according to claim 4 as an antitumor agent.